## Reading

Isaiah 42:1-3 I have endowed my servant with my spirit.

- A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
- The Lord says this:
- ' 'Here is my servant whom I uphold,
  - my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
  - I have endowed him with my spirit
  - that he may bring true justice to the nations.
- <sup>2</sup> He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.
- <sup>3</sup> He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice.'

The word of the Lord.